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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: MELLONI et al

Entitled: PROCESS FOR PREPARING R-(-)-CARNITINE FROM S-(-)-CHLOROSUCCINIC ACID OR  
FROM A DERIVATIVE THEREOF

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

37 pages of specification and claims (including 27 numbered claims), and  
0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment to \_\_\_\_\_ and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
RM99A000310	Italy	18 05 1999
RM99A000670	Italy	29 10 1999
RM2000A000061	Italy	10 02 2001
PCT/IT00/00187		12 05 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on November 6, 2001 in prior appln. no. 09/959,717 filed November 6, 2001

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/959,717, filed  
November 6, 2001, which in turn is a U.S. national phase of PCT/IT00/00187, filed May 12, 2000, the entire content  
of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Sigma-Tau Industrie Farmaceutiche Riunite S.p.A., Roma, Italy.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the  
Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:**1-27**

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or  
Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Basic Filing Fee		\$	770.00
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If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 290.00
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